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Quick Facts

- Born in Johnsonville, S.C., Clemmer-McGoury earned a B.S. in commerce from Winthrop in 1936 and a master's degree in education and counseling from the University of Maryland, College Park.
- The Clemmers were involved in their community, particularly with their church and in education.

ROCK HILL, S.C. - The family of **Monroe Burgin Clemmer** and **Lena Altman Clemmer-McGoury** recently established a **\$25,000 scholarship** at Winthrop University in memory of the couple and to aid **College of Business Administration** students. The gifts came from the estate of **Mrs. Clemmer-McGoury** and from the couple's daughter, **Monlen A. Clemmer** and her husband, **Paul A. Szoke**.

Born in Johnsonville, S.C., **Mrs. Clemmer-McGoury** earned a B.S. in commerce from Winthrop in 1936 and a master's degree in education and counseling from the University of Maryland, College Park.

"Higher education played a vital role in my parents' lives, and they wanted to help ensure that it would help improve the lives of other deserving individuals in years to come. Winthrop University held a special place in my mother's heart, and she wanted to leave a legacy in her and my father's names," said **Monlen Clemmer**.

Married for 52 years, the **Clemmers** moved to Linstead, Severna Park, Maryland, in 1953. After Monroe Burgin Clemmer passed away in 1989, his widow married a longtime friend, Thomas E. McGoury. She then passed away on May 11, 2004.

The **Clemmers** were involved in their community, particularly with their church and in education. The couple was the founding family of Our Shepherd Lutheran Church in Severna Park. Mrs. Clemmer-McGoury started the church library and the church's first women's group.

She served as chairman of the Severna Park High School business department from 1963-76. She held several offices in educational groups, serving as president of the Maryland Business Education Association and the Anne Arundel County Retired Teachers Association. She also founded the Severna Park chapter of the American Association of University Women and served as state recording secretary of that organization. In addition, she belonged to the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, the United States Daughters of 1812, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and held and local, state and national offices in Colonial Dames XVII Century.

The **Monroe Burgin and Lena Altman Clemmer Endowed Scholarship** is expected to be given to high-achieving and deserving students majoring in business.

"It is an honor for us to receive this kind of gift. It comes to recognize true pioneers in business education and will allow deserving students to continue in their studies. The Clemmers recognized the value of education and were committed to community service, exactly the values we try to instill in our students today," said **Roger Weikle**, dean of the College of Business Administration.

For more information, contact the **Office of Development** at 803/323-2150 or call toll-free to 888/219-1791.

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